

REMARKS

In view of the foregoing amendments and the following representations, allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

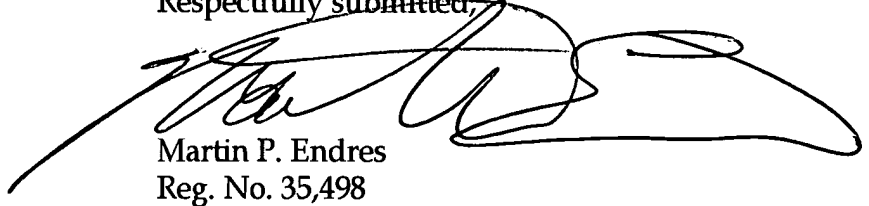
All the claims as originally filed, claims 1-11, have been canceled without prejudice. New claims 12-27 are submitted for consideration and are in the present application. No new matter is added by the newly presented claims. Support can be found in claims 1-11 as originally filed and in the specification on page 3, lines 26-29, page 4, lines 8-11 and 29-34, page 5, lines 12-14, 25-27, page 6, line 32 to page 7, line 25 and Example 6 found on pages 13-17.

The newly submitted claims are similar to the claims that have been allowed in the parent application, Serial No. 09/763,831, except that the newly submitted claims recite an enteric coated pellet while the allowed claims in the parent application recite a plurality of the enteric coated pellets in a capsule.

Applicants respectfully submit that none of the references of record in the parent application disclose an enteric coated omeprazole pellet as recited in the pending claims. More specifically, none of the references of record in the parent application disclosed or suggested an enteric coated omeprazole pellet that consists essentially of a core with about 10 weight percent or less of arginine or lysine that is directly coated with an enteric coating material which contains 5-50 weight percent of an inert processing aid.

Based upon the foregoing amendments and representations,
Applicants respectfully submit that the claims in the present application are patentable.
Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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